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In re Application of :  
Donald A. Hoffend, Jr., et al :  
Application No. 10/718,871 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: November 21, 2003 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c) (3)  
Attorney Docket No. 85809.000022 :


This is a decision on the petition, filed August 10, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.313(c) (3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue for express abandonment in favor of a continuing application.

The petition complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.313(c) (3). Accordingly, the application is hereby withdrawn from issue, and the express abandonment in favor of a continuing application is hereby recognized.

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